

performed by the procedure given in Method 25A using the single VOC present in the capture system. A different calibration gas may be used if the results are corrected using an experimentally determined response factor comparing the alternative calibration gas to the single VOC used in the process. After the instrument has been calibrated, determine the background VOC concentration of the air drawn into the capture system immediately upwind of the application area for each run. The instrument does not need to be recalibrated for the background measurement. Subtract this reading from the reading obtained in the capture system for that run. The Method 25A results shall only be used in the alternative procedure for determination of capture efficiency described under § 60.543(f)(2)(iv)(G).

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§ 60.548 Delegation of authority.

(a) In delegating implementation and enforcement authority to a State under section 111(c) of the Act, the authorities contained in paragraph (b) of this section shall be retained by the Administrator and not transferred to a State.

(b) Authority which will not be delegated to States: § 60.543(c)(2)(ii)(B).

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Subpart DDD—Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry

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§ 60.560 Applicability and designation of affected facilities.

(a) *Affected facilities.* The provisions of this subpart apply to affected facilities involved in the manufacture of polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, or poly(ethylene terephthalate) as defined in § 60.561 of this subpart. The affected facilities designated below for polypropylene and

polyethylene are inclusive of all equipment used in the manufacture of these polymers, beginning with raw materials preparation and ending with product storage, and cover all emissions emanating from such equipment.

(1) For process emissions from any polypropylene and polyethylene manufacturing process that uses a continuous process, the affected facilities are each of the following process sections: each raw materials preparation section, each polymerization reaction section, each material recovery section, each product finishing section, and each product storage section. These process sections are affected facilities for process emissions that are emitted continuously and for process emissions that are emitted intermittently.

(2) For process emissions from polystyrene manufacturing processes that use a continuous process, the affected facilities are each material recovery section. These process sections are affected facilities for only those process emissions that are emitted continuously.

(3) For process emissions from poly(ethylene terephthalate) manufacturing processes that use a continuous process, the affected facilities are each polymerization reaction section. If the process uses dimethyl terephthalate, then each material recovery section is also an affected facility. If the process uses terephthalic acid, then each raw materials preparation section is also an affected facility. These process sections are affected facilities for only those process emissions that are emitted continuously.

(4) For VOC emissions from equipment leaks from polypropylene, polyethylene, and polystyrene (including expandable polystyrene) manufacturing processes, the affected facilities are each group of fugitive emissions equipment (as defined in § 60.561) within any process unit (as defined in § 60.561). This subpart does not apply to VOC emissions from equipment leaks from poly(ethylene terephthalate) manufacturing processes.

(i) Affected facilities with a design capacity to produce less than 1,000 Mg/yr (1,102 ton/yr) shall be exempt from § 60.562–2.

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(ii) Addition or replacement of equipment for the purposes of improvement which is accomplished without a capital expenditure shall not by itself be considered a modification under § 60.562-2.

(b) *Applicability dates.* The applicability date identifies when an affected facility becomes subject to a standard. Usually, a standard has a single applicability date. However, some polypropylene and polyethylene affected facilities have a September 30, 1987, applicability date and others have a January 10, 1989, applicability date. The following paragraphs identify the applicability dates for all affected facilities subject to this subpart.

(1) *Polypropylene and polyethylene.* Each process section in a polypropylene or polyethylene production process is a potential affected facility for both continuous and intermittent emissions. The applicability date depends on when the process section was constructed, modified, or reconstructed

and, in some instances, on the type of production process.

(i) The applicability date for any polypropylene or polyethylene affected facility that is constructed, modified, or reconstructed after January 10, 1989, regardless of the type of production process being used, is January 10, 1989.

(ii) Only some polypropylene or polyethylene process sections that are constructed, modified, or reconstructed on or before January 10, 1989, but after September 30, 1987, are affected facilities. These process sections (and the type of emissions to be controlled) are identified by an "x" in table 1. The applicability date for the process sections (and the emissions to be controlled) that are identified by an "x" in table 1 is September 30, 1987. Since the affected facilities that have a September 30, 1987, applicability date are determined by the type of production process (e.g., liquid phase, gas phase), each owner or operator shall identify the particular production process that applies to his or her particular process.

Polymer	Production process(es)	Process section	Emissions	
			Continuous	Intermittent
Polypropylene	Liquid Phase	Raw Materials Preparation	X	
		Polymerization Reaction	X	
		Material Recovery	X	X
		Product Finishing	X	
		Product Storage.		
Polypropylene	Gas Phase	Raw Materials Preparation.		
		Polymerization Reaction		X
		Material Recovery	X	
		Product Finishing.		
		Product Storage.		
Low Density Polyethylene	High Pressure	Raw Materials Preparation		X
		Polymerization Reaction		X
		Material Recovery		X
		Product Finishing		X
		Product Storage		X
Low Density Polyethylene	Low Pressure	Raw Materials Preparation	X	X
		Polymerization Reaction		X
High Density Polyethylene	Gas Phase	Material Recovery.		
		Product Finishing	X	
		Product Storage.		
		Raw Materials Preparation		X
		Polymerization Reaction.		
High Density Polyethylene	Liquid Phase Slurry ...	Material Recovery	X	
		Product Finishing	X	
		Product Storage.		
		Raw Materials Preparation	X	X
		Polymerization Reaction		X
High Density Polyethylene	Liquid Phase Solution	Material Recovery	X	X
		Product Finishing.		
		Product Storage		

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(2) *Polystyrene*. The applicability date for each polystyrene affected facility is September 30, 1987.

(3) *Poly(ethylene terephthalate)*. The applicability date for each poly(ethylene terephthalate) affected facility is September 30, 1987.

(c) Any facility under paragraph (a) of this section that commences construction, modification, or reconstruction after its applicability date as identified under paragraph (b) of this section is subject to the requirements of this subpart, except as provided in paragraphs (d) through (f) of this section.

(d) Any polypropylene or polyethylene affected facility with a Sep-

tember 30, 1987, applicability date that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after September 30, 1987, and on or before January 10, 1989, with an uncontrolled emission rate (as defined in footnote a to table 2) at or below those identified in table 2 is not subject to the requirements of § 60.562–1 unless and until its uncontrolled emission rate exceeds that rate listed for it in table 2 or it is modified or reconstructed after January 10, 1989. At such time, such facility becomes subject to § 60.562–1 and the procedures identified in § 60.562–1(a) shall be used to determine the control of emissions from the facility.

TABLE 2—MAXIMUM UNCONTROLLED THRESHOLD EMISSION RATES ^A

Production process	Process section	Uncontrolled emission rate, kg TOC/Mg product (See associated footnote)
Polypropylene, liquid phase process	Raw Materials Preparation	0.15 ^b
	Polymerization Reaction	0.14 ^b , 0.24 ^c
	Material Recovery	0.19 ^b
	Product Finishing	1.57 ^b
Polypropylene, gas phase process	Polymerization Reaction	0.12 ^c
	Material Recovery	0.02 ^b
Low Density Polyethylene, low pressure process	Raw Materials Preparation	0.41 ^d
	Polymerization Reaction	(e)
	Material Recovery	(e)
	Product Finishing	(e)
Low Density Polyethylene, low pressure process	Product Storage	(e)
	Raw Materials Preparation	0.05 ^f
	Polymerization Reaction	0.03 ^g
	Product Finishing	0.01 ^b
High Density Polyethylene, liquid phase slurry process.	Raw Materials Preparation	0.25 ^c
	Material Recovery	0.11 ^b
	Product Finishing	0.41 ^b
High Density Polyethylene, liquid phase solution process.	Raw Materials Preparation	0.24 ^f
	Polymerization Reaction	0.16 ^c
High Density Polyethylene, gas phase process	Material Recovery	1.68 ^f
	Raw Materials Preparation	0.05 ^f
	Polymerization Reaction	0.03 ^g
	Product Finishing	0.01 ^b
Polystyrene, continuous process	Material Recovery	0.05 ^{b,h}
	Material Recovery	0.12 ^{b,h}
Poly(ethylene terephthalate), dimethyl terephthalate process.	Polymerization Reaction	1.80 ^{h,i,j}
	Raw Materials Preparation	(l)
	Polymerization Reaction	1.80 ^{h,j,m}
Poly(ethylene terephthalate), terephthalic acid process.	Polymerization Reaction	3.92 ^{h,k,m}
	Polymerization Reaction	3.92 ^{h,k,m}

^a“Uncontrolled emission rate” refers to the emission rate of a vent stream that vents directly to the atmosphere and to the emission rate of a vent stream to the atmosphere that would occur in the absence of any add-on control devices but after any material recovery devices that constitute part of the normal material recovery operations in a process line where potential emissions are recovered for recycle or resale.

^bEmission rate applies to continuous emissions only.

^cEmission rate applies to intermittent emissions only.

^dTotal emission rate for non-emergency intermittent emissions from raw materials preparation, polymerization reaction, material recovery, product finishing, and product storage process sections.

^eSee footnote d.

^fEmission rate applies to both continuous and intermittent emissions.

^gEmission rate applies to non-emergency intermittent emissions only.

^hApplies to modified or reconstructed affected facilities only.

ⁱIncludes emissions from the cooling water tower.

¹ Applies to a process line producing low viscosity poly(ethylene terephthalate).

² Applies to a process line producing high viscosity poly(ethylene terephthalate).

³ See footnote m.

^m Applies to the sum of emissions to the atmosphere from the polymerization reaction section (including emissions from the cooling tower) and the raw materials preparation section (i.e., the esterifiers).

(e)(1) Modified or reconstructed affected facilities at polystyrene and poly(ethylene terephthalate) plants with uncontrolled emission rates at or below those identified in table 2 are exempt from the requirements of § 60.562-1 unless and until its uncontrolled emission rate exceeds that rate listed for it in table 2. This exemption does not apply to new polystyrene or poly(ethylene terephthalate) affected facilities.

(2) Emissions from modified or reconstructed affected facilities that are controlled by an existing control device and that have uncontrolled emission rates greater than the uncontrolled threshold emission rates identified in table 2 are exempt from the requirements of § 60.562-1 unless and until the existing control device is modified, reconstructed, or replaced.

(f) No process section of an experimental process line is considered an affected facility for continuous or intermittent process emissions.

(g) Individual vent streams that emit continuous emissions with uncontrolled annual emissions of less than 1.6 Mg/yr (1.76 ton/yr) or with a weight percent TOC of less than 0.10 percent from a new, modified, or reconstructed polypropylene or polyethylene affected facility are exempt from the requirements of § 60.562-1(a)(1). If at a later date, an individual stream's uncontrolled annual emissions become 1.6 Mg/yr (1.76 ton/yr) or greater (if the stream was exempted on the basis of the uncontrolled annual emissions exemption) or VOC concentration becomes 0.10 weight percent or higher (if the stream was exempted on the basis of the VOC concentration exemption), then the stream is subject to the requirements of § 60.562-1.

(h) Emergency vent streams, as defined in § 60.561, from a new, modified, or reconstructed polypropylene or polyethylene affected facility are exempt from the requirements of § 60.562-1(a)(2).

(i) An owner or operator of a polypropylene or polyethylene affected fa-

cility that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after September 30, 1987, and on or before January 10, 1989, and that is in a process line in which more than one type of polyolefin (i.e., polypropylene, low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, or their copolymers) is produced shall select one of the polymer/production process combinations in table 1 for purposes of determining applicable affected facilities and uncontrolled threshold emissions rates.

(j) *Alternative means of compliance*—(1) *Option to comply with part 65.* Owners or operators may choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, for continuous process vents that are subject to this subpart, that choose to comply with § 60.562-1(a)(1)(i)(A), (B), or (C) as allowed in § 60.562-1(a)(1) and (b)(1)(iii). The requirements of 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, satisfy the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section and §§ 60.563 through 60.566, except for § 60.565(g)(1). Other provisions applying to owners or operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65 are provided in 40 CFR 65.1.

(2) *Part 60, subpart A.* Owners or operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, must also comply with §§ 60.1, 60.2, 60.5, 60.6, 60.7(a)(1) and (4), 60.14, 60.15, and 60.16 for those process vents. All sections and paragraphs of subpart A of this part that are not mentioned in this paragraph (j)(2) do not apply to owners or operators of process vents complying with 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, except that provisions required to be met prior to implementing 40 CFR part 65 still apply. Owners and operators who choose to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, must comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart A.

(3) *Initial startup notification.* Each owner or operator subject to the provisions of this subpart that chooses to comply with 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, at initial startup shall notify the Administrator of the specific provisions of 40 CFR part 65, subpart G, with

which the owner or operator has elected to comply. Notification shall be submitted with the notification of initial startup required by 40 CFR 65.5(b).

(NOTE: The numerical emission limits in these standards are expressed in terms of total organic compounds, measured as total organic compounds less methane and ethane.)

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§ 60.561 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, all terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given them in the Act, in subpart A of part 60, or in subpart VV of part 60, and the following terms shall have the specific meanings given them.

Boiler means any enclosed combustion device that extracts useful energy in the form of steam.

Capital expenditure means, in addition to the definition in 40 CFR 60.2, an expenditure for a physical or operational change to an existing facility that exceeds P, the product of the facility's replacement cost, R, and an adjusted annual asset guideline repair allowance, A, as reflected by the following equation: $P = R \times A$, where

(a) The adjusted annual asset guideline repair allowance, A, is the product of the percent of the replacement cost, Y, and the applicable basic annual asset guideline repair allowance, B, as reflected by the following equation: $A = Y \times (B \div 100)$;

(b) The percent Y is determined from the following equation: $Y = 1.0 - 0.57 \log X$, where X is 1986 minus the year of construction; and

(c) The applicable basic annual asset guideline repair allowance, B, is equal to 12.5.

Car-sealed means, for purposes of these standards, a seal that is placed on the device used to change the position of a valve (e.g., from opened to closed) such that the position of the valve cannot be changed without breaking the seal and requiring the replacement of the old seal once broken with a new seal.

Closed vent system means a system that is not open to the atmosphere and that is composed of piping, connections, and, if necessary, flow inducing

devices that transport gas or vapor from a piece or pieces of equipment to a control device.

Continuous emissions means any gas stream containing VOC that is generated essentially continuously when the process line or any piece of equipment in the process line is operating.

Continuous process means a polymerization process in which reactants are introduced in a continuous manner and products are removed either continuously or intermittently at regular intervals so that the process can be operated and polymers produced essentially continuously.

Control device means an enclosed combustion device, vapor recovery system, or flare.

Copolymer means a polymer that has two different repeat units in its chain.

Decomposition means, for the purposes of these standards, an event in a polymerization reactor that advances to the point where the polymerization reaction becomes uncontrollable, the polymer begins to break down (decompose), and it becomes necessary to relieve the reactor instantaneously in order to avoid catastrophic equipment damage or serious adverse personnel safety consequences.

Decomposition emissions refers to those emissions released from a polymer production process as the result of a decomposition or during attempts to prevent a decomposition.

Emergency vent stream means, for the purposes of these standards, an intermittent emission that results from a decomposition, attempts to prevent decompositions, power failure, equipment failure, or other unexpected cause that requires immediate venting of gases from process equipment in order to avoid safety hazards or equipment damage. This includes intermittent vents that occur from process equipment where normal operating parameters (e.g., pressure or temperature) are exceeded such that the process equipment can not be returned to normal operating conditions using the design features of the system and venting must occur to avoid equipment failure or adverse safety personnel consequences and to minimize adverse effects of the runaway reaction. This does not include intermittent vents